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FRIDAY.....SEPT. 24, 1897.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: JAMES HOGUE TYLER, of Pulaski county.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR: EDWARD ECHOLS, of Staunton.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: ANDREW JACKSON MONTAGUE, of Danville.

WHAT ABOUT CUBA?

Public opinion is growing that the Cuban question will not be allowed to vex this country much longer without some sort of interference upon the part of our government.

There are several reasons which give foundation for this belief. First, Congress will be in session in the course of a few months, and unless the administration has discharged its duty in the premises, the two houses will undoubtedly take the subject into consideration.

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When the circus went to the depot to take the train about two hundred armed men were on hand and demanded that the money should be returned to those from whom it had been improperly obtained. This demand was promptly complied with.

One bird does not make a summer; nor can you have an interesting primary election when there is but one candidate running. These seem to have been the views of the Buckingham Democrats who resisted the eloquent entreaties of Captain Camm Patterson to have a primary on the county judgeship question.

We should not be surprised to hear that the President has taken such steps as will remove the matter out of the hands of Congress, except in so far as it may be expedient or necessary for Congress to sustain him in the policy he may adopt. But that there has been anything like an ultimatum is absurd, when we remember that we have not yet recognized the Cuban republic as entitled to belligerent rights! We should think that that would be one of the first steps for our country to take. We could hardly presume to insist upon Spain's acknowledging the independence of a country which we had never deemed worthy to be accorded the privileges of a belligerent!

However, it is "in the air" that "something is to be done" about Cuba. The Republican organs speak as if they had had a "tip" from Washington. Their comments upon the proposed return of Fitz Lee to Cuba are significant. True, Fitz Lee has always had a good name North as well as South, but the Republican editors seem to have information that during the next few months Lee's services in Cuba will be more advantageous to the government than ever before. Ordinarily, no matter how well qualified a Democrat may be for the place he is filling, there are scores of Republican applicants for the position. Day after day such Democrats are being ousted—and with the consent of the President—and this, too, where the spirit, if not the letter, of the civil service law ought to protect them. But in the Fitz Lee case there is a unanimity of opinion as to his fitness and worth which we cannot but suspect is inspired from high official quarters.

Really, the position of Lee at Habana is of as much consequence as that of our Minister at Madrid. The latter "communicates" the views of the administration, but the former furnishes the material whereon those views are based.

So, we say, that taking into consideration the President's request that Lee shall return to Habana, and the interview of Woodford with the Duke of Tetuan, together with the nearness of the time when Congress will meet in regular session, the country is justified

In thinking that the President has resolved upon an aggressive policy.

The ministerial question in Spain is very unsettled at this time, and it is difficult to foresee what that government may do with reference to Cuban affairs; but we must say that in our opinion all parties in Spain are agreed that the United States shall not be allowed to "dictate" the course of that government. It really seems that they are ready to go to war rather than submit to any disagreeable terms; but then Spain would cross swords with us as a matter of honor, rather than with the expectation of victory.

The Spaniards may not be the wisest people in the world, but they are not such fools as to believe that a nation which is incapable of putting down the Cuban insurrection is capable of beating 75,000,000 of people who have untold resources in money, men, and munitions of war.

The part of wisdom would be for Spain herself to make terms with her rebellious subjects; but if she is too much of a grandee to do that, our government is at her service for mediation. That failing, through her pride and self-consequence, we shall then have to put some sort of pressure upon her. War has no charms for us, but sometimes it becomes a necessary evil. We cannot longer tolerate such disorderly and disease-breeding neighbors as we have in Cuba, and if the mother country cannot abate the nuisance of them, we shall have to do it for ourselves. The greatest possible step towards checking the periodical travels of yellow-fever would be to clean out its foul nest upon the "ever faithful isle."

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

The Staunton News learns that in the interest of retrenchment a proposition may be made to abolish the office of State Railroad Commissioner.

We had not heard that; on the contrary, we had heard that an effort would be made to increase the number of commissioners from one to three, with enlarged powers. Several such bills have been offered in the past, but without success.

Nor would the abolition of this office help the State Treasury any, since the expenses of it are levied upon the transportation companies of the State. They have not "kicked" much about paying the salary and office expenses of one commissioner, but they might not be so acquiescent if they were called upon to support three.

NOT OVER THE BELT-LINE.

Let us have done with running the 4 A. M. train from the South over the Belt-Line. Let it come into and through Richmond. Who can doubt that the present arrangement is injurious to the interests of our city? That being so, why cannot we work together and effect a change?

Right here is a good place to show our enterprise, public spirit, and progressiveness.

The Belt-Line is an excellent route for freight trains, but not for the most important passenger train that comes here in the winter from the far South.

Congressman Rixey was right when he told the officials at the Post-Office Department yesterday, as stated in the Gazette of that day, that by appointing negro postmasters in Virginia they were doing all they could to increase the Democratic majority in this State. To reputable white Virginians, Republicans and Democrats alike, negro officials are naturally objectionable, and they will resent the contemptuous disregard of their feelings by the administration whenever they are afforded a favorable opportunity.—The Alexandria Gazette.

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Sausage-Maker Luetger's lawyers assert that their client not only did not kill his wife, but that the latter is now alive in Germany. This makes a very plain case of it. All Luetger has to do now is to produce the alleged dead woman in court.

It is claimed that a New York scientist has discovered a machine which will render a man transparent. This apparatus is not at all necessary to ascertain why Brady and Agnew do not desire to have their party put up a ticket in Virginia.

Now it has been discovered that the infant Duke of Marlborough is the image of his mother, W. K. Vanderbilt is reported to be joyous over the prospect that the next Duke will be a chip of the old block.

The Greeks, it seems, have become very pugnacious since the close of the war. Had they been half so fierce during hostilities as they are now over the peace prepared by the Powers, the result might have been different.

John L. Sullivan and Patrick Henry Gleason, of Long Island city, are making the most unique mayoralty campaigns in the country. Sullivan may be the more muscular campaigner, but Gleason can beat him at oratory.

The Spanish Government has sent forty generals to Cuba up to this time. The most of these commanders, it is asserted, were accompanied by competent typewriters.

The New York World says that the shipments of wheat from this country to Europe now amount in value to \$1,000,000 a day—all of which is paid for in gold.

Whiskey is selling at \$7 a gallon out in the Klondike, and it is so cold there that it is impossible to add water to it, except in the solidified form of ice.

We may not understand the causes of the equinoctial, but we almost invariably realize its effects.

THE MEETING LAST NIGHT.

The Democratic ratification meeting held in the Auditorium, upon the Exposition-Grounds, last night was unfortunately preceded by several hours of chilling rain. But for this untoward circumstance the crowd in attendance would have been much larger than it was. In no other respect whatever was the meeting disappointing. The people were cordial and enthusiastic, and the welcome was very hearty, while the speeches made ably discussed the issues of the hour.

Really, we wish that our State ticket were going to have strong Republican opposition, so that Richmond might by her vote give recorded evidence of the confidence in and good will we have for Tyler, Echoes, and Montague.

Again we have race trouble in a northern State. It is said it may develop into a race-war. At Alton, Ill., certain ill-advised colored people are trying to force their children into public schools intended for white children only. Special schools have been provided for the negro children, but the parents of these children are not satisfied with this arrangement. They insist on having their children taken into schools provided for the whites. It is the same old story, with which the South is so very familiar. The negroes demand not only equal rights with the whites, but the same rights. It appears that while the Illinois courts have decided that while, under the Constitution, no discrimination can be made on the ground of race, within a school district, the School Board may assign pupils as it sees fit. Alton originally had five school districts. These have been abolished, and it is claimed the Constitution is thus evaded. On Monday each child in the seven public schools received a ticket of admission to certain schools. The blacks were all assigned to two schools. Less than twenty went there. Some of the others went to other schools, where they were treated as visitors. Tuesday the negro children collected at a certain place, and, with their parents, went to the schools set apart for white children. The president of the association that has been formed to contest the assignment of pupils declares that the evasion of the Constitution is unjust, morally, if not legally; that the pupils nearest a certain school should attend that school without regard to race, and not be sent to a distant school, and the threat of race-war is reported, as a consequence of this insistence on the part of the blacks. Verily are the white people of the North being taught, by slow degrees it may be, but still surely, the bitterness of the draught they placed to the lips of their southern brethren not many years ago. Alton, it may be observed, is not near the southern line of Illinois, as is sometimes said of northern towns in which race troubles occur, but is well up toward the east and west line through the centre of the State.

The prospects are said to be bright for the reappearance on the market in numbers of the popular Florida orange. Owing to the disastrous freeze of a few years ago, which destroyed nearly all the trees, as well as the crop, in the peninsula, it had almost entirely disappeared. Florida, last year, exported only 146,000 boxes. This, of course, gave California opportunity, and it seemed for a time, particularly at the North, that the oranges of that State might supplant the Florida product. California is said to be preparing to ship the largest crop she has ever produced, this year, and it is estimated that 4,000,000 boxes will come East from the Pacific coast. California plus her faith, says the New York Times, to her great seedless orange, and claims that it has permanently supplanted the Florida fruit. This is denied by the Florida growers and dealers, however, who say that as soon as their fruit, of which they expect to ship 500,000 boxes this year and over 1,000,000 boxes next year, reappears, it will quietly take its place again, though, perhaps, at lower prices, on account of the California competition.

The appointment of Wimberly to be Collector of the port of New Orleans, it is given out, is to be held up until after the Ohio election. Wimberly is the Republican whose moral character has been so persistently assailed, and to whom Hanna had promised this New Orleans post for ante-election services rendered McKinley.

Richmond will not get the Grand Army of the Republic encampment in 1898.—The Norfolk Dispatch.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

Appointments for Public Speaking for Several Weeks Ahead.

Democratic State Committee, Room 46, Chamber Commerce Building. Speakers and times and places of speaking are announced as follows:

J. HOGUE TYLER, Henry Court, September 25th (special). Patrick Court, September 28th. Danville, September 29th. Mecklenburg, September 30th. Lunenburg, October 1st. Greensville, October 4th (court-day). Appomattox Court, October 7th.

EDWARD ECHOLS, Nelson Court, September 27th. Cumberland Court-house, September 30th (special). Alleghany Court, October 5th.

A. J. MONTAGUE, Accomac Court, September 27th. Northampton, September 28th (special). Pulaski Court, October 4th.

JOHN W. DANIEL, King George Court, October 7th. THOMAS S. MARTIN, Page Court, September 27th. JOHN LAMB, King William Court, September 28th. H. D. FLOOD, Fluvanna Court, September 27th. Rockbridge Court, October 4th.

JAMES HAY, Berryville, October 5th. Winchester, October 5th (night). WILLIAM HODGES MANN, Brunswick Court, September 27th. PETER J. OTEY, Charlotte Court, October 4th. C. A. SWANSON, Halifax Court, September 27th.

CHARLES M. WALLACE, JR., Cumberland Court-house, September 30th (special). WILLIAM F. RHEA, Radford, September 28th (night). Blaine Court, September 28th. Russell Court, October 5th.

J. TAYLOR ELLISON, Chairman. Joseph Burt, Secretary. New Legislators, Franklin, Va., September 20, 1897.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The press and people, generally, are commenting upon the fact that there will be a large preponderance of new members in the next House of Delegates. It is a matter of no importance, but it will be interesting to compare the percentage of new members that will probably be in the next House with the

percentage of new members that were in the last House. In the Dispatch, of Sunday, there is published a list of sixty-six House nominations that have been made to that date by Democrats; of that number, forty-four are new men, or 66.23 per cent. of the whole. If one will look at the roll of the last House, he will find that of the sixty-six men in the last House who filled the places which the sixty-six nominations published in Sunday's Dispatch, were made to fill, that fifty of them were new to the House, or 75.4 per cent. In other words, if none of the new men nominated this year are defeated by old men, still there will be only 62.3 per cent. of new material in the next House so far as these sixty-six places go; while in the last House there was 75.4 per cent. of new men.

LAWLESSNESS IN KENTUCKY.

Roughs Disturb a Religious Meeting by Their Riotous Behavior.

DWALE, DICKENSON COUNTY, VA., September 23.—(Special).—Some parties who went across Cumberland mountain into Kentucky, to attend a church association, have just returned, and report that lawlessness and confusion seemed to be the order of the day. Quite a number of notorious characters gathered there and terrified people by shooting into the ground "round their feet, and firing their pistols about horses where they were hitched, to scare them and cause them to break loose. On several occasions it looked as if bloodshed was inevitable; pistols and knives were drawn, and the officers were powerless.

FIRE IN MIDDLESEX.

The County Court Sustains the Constitutionality of Oyster Law.

STORMONT, VA., September 23.—(Special).—The dwelling of Mr. Patrick Moran, on La Grange creek, this county, was destroyed by fire last night at 9:30 o'clock. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Mr. Moran had his dwelling destroyed by fire last year, and this was a new one just erected on the old site.

Judge O. Garnett adjourned his court at Saluda to-day. He sustained the decision of the justice in the court below in the famous Hurley oyster-bus case, declaring the law regulating oyster industry constitutional, but remitted the fine imposed by the justice, as the illegal measures were used by an agent, and not by Hurley, and without his knowledge.

Tazewell County Matters.

TAZEWELL COURTHOUSE, September 23.—(Special).—County Court has been in session since Tuesday, Judge J. H. Stuart presiding. The case of the Commonwealth against Sallie Ann Joiner (colored), for the cutting of one Lou Stokes (colored) at Poca-hontas in the month of July, resulted this morning in a verdict of not guilty. In the case of the Commonwealth against Boyd Simpson, charged with stealing at a game of cards, the Commonwealth this morning entered a nolle prosequi.

Dr. R. C. Mead, of Russell county, the Republican nominee for Senate from this (the Third) district, spent yesterday and to-day in Tazewell.

Mr. W. B. Spratt, of Richlands, this county, Republican nominee for the House of Delegates, was here yesterday. Hon. Alexander St. Clair, of Bluestone, who is the Democratic nominee for the Senate, was here yesterday.

Dr. John D. Carnahan and Mr. Harold Peery, who have been visiting friends and relatives in this county for the past two months ago, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Peery, yesterday, this is the former home of Dr. Carnahan and Mr. Peery, and they were heartily welcomed by their friends.

Colonel A. J. May and wife returned home last week after a visit of several weeks in California, the former home of Colonel May.

Vaudeville Again To-Night. As the Auditorium was engaged for the great Democratic ratification meeting last night, there was an omission of the vaudevilles.

They will be resumed this evening, as usual, with the same company that has made so much merriment during this week. For next week there will be a separation of the usual style of vaudeville, when will be given the entertaining two-act farce comedy, called "Wild Oats."

Incidental to each act of this piece, there will be specialties by the company, including Mr. Oscar Skisken and Miss Ester Wallace, supported by capable people.

There will be introduced next week "Miss Muffy," who is the only singing dog in existence.

A Summer Night. (Written for the Dispatch.) The summer skies, with a thousand eyes, shed starlight on the leaves of the tree. While zephyrs blow the leaves as though They whispered words of love.

In silence deep the roses sleep, Each clasping to its breast A dewdrop, and the dandelions Have closed their eyes to rest.

As fireflies bright, with lamps a-light, Make black night all aglow, The pale moon drops a golden kiss Upon the earth below. K. M. G.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE TAZEWELL PLOW COMPANY will be held on TUESDAY, October 12, 1897, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the office of the company, 1515 Franklin street, Richmond, Va.

A. C. SINTON, President. M. Call, Secretary. se 24-2t

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RICHMOND PERPETUAL BUILDING, LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY will be held, upon the call of the Board of Directors, on OCTOBER 22, 1897, at 3 P. M., at the office of said company, No. 22 East Main street, Richmond, Va., for the purpose of considering a further sale of real estate for stock, and to receive a report and recommendations of the Board of Directors. Done by order of the Board of Directors of said company this 21st day of September, 1897. HENRY S. HUTZLER, Cashier. se 22-2t

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY will be held at the office of Decatur Axtell, Esq., in the City of Richmond, Va., at 12 M. on WEDNESDAY, September 29, 1897. C. E. WELLS, Secretary. se 15-1d in

PROPOSALS. Office of City Engineer, Richmond, Va., September 24, 1897. SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until TUESDAY, September 28th, at 4 o'clock P. M., as follows: For furnishing all MATERIALS AND LAYING CITY'S PORTION OF GRANITE SPALL PAVING in road-bed Main street from Cherry to Beach, and Broad street from Ninth to Tenth, each bid to be accompanied by a certified check for \$500. Also, for furnishing to the city stable the following: 50,000 pounds Best Quality Choice WEST-EIN TIMOTHY HAY. 500 bushels Best Quality No. 2 MIXED CORN. 3,500 pounds Best Quality WHEAT STRAW. 1 sack Best Quality SALT. Forms of proposals and specifications can be seen at this office. The Committee on Streets reserves the right to reject any or all proposals offered, and to give the contract as a whole or in separate parts. se 24-1d

PULPIT FURNITURE, &c. FOR SALE, WALNUT PULPIT FURNITURE AND PART OF Pews taken from the Second Baptist church, Richmond, Va. Address J. L. PHIPPS, Committee. se 21-1m

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Ladies' Extra Heavy and Light-Weight Pique Gloves, with heavy Black stitching, assorted shades, at \$1 and \$1.75.

Ladies' Finest French Kid Gloves, in Black, at \$2, fully worth \$3.

Dress Gloves, in all colors, Dress Kid and Pique, in all colors, in 8 and 10-button lengths, at \$1.48 and \$2.25. Misses' and Children's Dress and Pique Gloves, in all new fall shades, at 85c and \$1.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All Gloves at \$1 and upwards will be fitted to the hand by an experienced lady in charge of this department.

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YOUNG HILL GOES FREE.

Not Responsible for the Death of Stanford Nelson—Other Court News.

The case of Vernon Hill, the youth charged with the murder of a negro boy named Stanford Nelson, was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday. This unfortunate affair is well-remembered by all Dispatch readers. Young Hill, who is a son of Mr. Robert Hill, manager of the Home Brewing Company, had a difficulty on Sunday, September 14th, with the negro boy, Nelson, and struck him back of the ear. The colored lad died in a few minutes, and Coroner Taylor, after a post-mortem examination, decided that death was due to congestion of the lungs. Young Hill was promptly acquitted, the jury rendering the verdict without leaving their seats.

Richard Morris (colored) was sent to jail for thirty days and fined 1 cent for striking Ellen Taylor, and for striking Hazel Camp, a little 4-year-old white girl, he was sent to jail for six months and fined \$5.

The Clerk of the Hustings Court yesterday issued a marriage license to the following named persons: John J. Meyer and Miss Mary S. Dance, both of Richmond.

MR. BYRD INDICTED.

The Commonwealth's Attorney of Frederick Charged With Assault.

WINCHESTER, VA., September 23.—(Special).—The grand jury met here to-day, and found a true bill for assault and battery against Mr. R. E. Byrd, Commonwealth's Attorney for the county. About two months ago Mr. Byrd assaulted and seriously injured Mr. J. P. Whitacre, a prominent attorney, with an inkstand, during the trial of a case in the court-room, in which both attorneys were interested. Mr. Whitacre's life was despaired of for some time, but he has since improved slowly, until now he is able to walk around. Mr. Byrd was fined \$50 at the time of the assault for contempt of court, and released on \$200 bail for trial.

Thomas Walker and William Frazier, both colored, were also indicted for snatching a roll of money from Mr. M. H. Trenary at the Fair-Grounds last week.

CASTORIA.

The following is a list of the names of the stockholders of the Tazewell Plow Company, as given in the call of the Board of Directors, on October 22, 1897, at 3 P. M., at the office of said company, No. 22 East Main street, Richmond, Va., for the purpose of considering a further sale of real estate for stock, and to receive a report and recommendations of the Board of Directors. Done by order of the Board of Directors of said company this 21st day of September, 1897. HENRY S. HUTZLER, Cashier. se 22-2t

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